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July 20, 2005

Hon. James H. Welsh  
Commissioner of Conservation  
P. O. Box 94275  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804

Re: Miocene Zone, Reservoir B, Iowa  
Field, Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Commissioner:

Application is hereby made on behalf of Yuma Exploration & Production Company, Inc. to the Commissioner of Conservation for the calling of a public hearing, after legal notice, pertaining to the following matters relative to the Miocene Zone, Reservoir B, Iowa Field, Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana:

1. To establish rules and regulations governing the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Miocene Zone, Reservoir B, Iowa Field, Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana;
2. To create a single drilling and production unit for the Miocene Zone, Reservoir B, designated as the MIO RB SU A, as shown on the plat attached hereto;
3. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the unit so created on a surface acreage basis of participation;
4. To allow the Commissioner of Conservation to reclassify the reservoir by supplemental order, without the necessity of a public hearing, should the producing characteristics of the reservoir change and evidence to justify

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reclassification is submitted to and accepted by the Commissioner of Conservation;

5. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent to the Miocene Zone, Reservoir B.

The Miocene Zone, was previously defined in Department of Conservation Order No. 39-T, effective October 19, 2004.

The pre-application conference was held as scheduled on January 13, 2005. In attendance were the parties shown on the attached attendance list. The conference was opened by the undersigned and turned over to David Comeaux, consulting geologist for the applicant, who discussed the bases of the applicant's proposal and answered questions concerning same. Potential counterplans were presented by Travis Helms, representing Hayes Minerals and RN Minerals and by Bryan Groves on behalf of PWK Timberland Corp. This proposal differed from the applicant's in size and the configuration of the geographic boundaries, extending considerably further to the north and west than the applicant's plan. After further questions and answers, the conference was adjourned.

As a result of discussions at and after the pre-application conference, the applicant has revised its unit proposal. The revised unit configuration is shown on the plat attached hereto. Should any interested owner or represented party desire to confer concerning this application, please contact the undersigned and a pre-hearing conference will be scheduled. It is believed that the revised plan resolves the differences expressed at the conference and therefore the applicant believes that there will not be opposition at the hearing on this matter.

In addition to furnishing the legal notice to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties, the applicant will provide for posting of the legal notice and unit plat in a prominent place in the area of Iowa Field. Additionally, the legal notice will be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the vicinity of Iowa Field at least fifteen (15) days before the hearing date.

All pertinent data relating to this proposed application may be obtained **AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY** from Leon Comeaux & Associates, P. O. Box 53922, Lafayette, Louisiana, 70505-3922, (337) 233-9839.

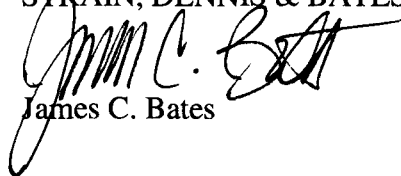
Attached hereto and made a part hereof are a plat outlining the proposed unit in the Iowa Field, Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana, and a list of Interested Owners, Interested Parties and Represented Parties to whom a copy of this application is being sent. Pursuant to the Rules of

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Procedure, said list is being sent to the Commissioner of Conservation and District Manager **ONLY**. However, a copy of the list will be provided to any party upon request. A reasonable effort has been made to ascertain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Interested Parties or Represented Parties. Also enclosed is our check payable to the Office of Conservation representing the required hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,

STRAIN, DENNIS & BATES, L.L.P.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J.C. Bates", is written over the typed name. The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial "J".

James C. Bates

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enclosures

cc: Mr. Richard Hudson  
District Manager

Interested Parties  
Interested Owners  
Represented Parties

R 7 W

Barbara Newcorner Neal, et al

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R 6 W

Mrs. Louise Co. Wait, et al

Ernest Miller

Shell Oil Corp.

30

MIO RB SUA  
(UNDRILLED)  
± 160 ACRES

Richardson Oils  
Texas & New Orleans

12740

La. Western Railroad

2640'

PWK Timberland  
Corporation

City

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Excalibur Land  
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Warren  
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et ux

Small Tracts

2640'

Excalibur Land  
Company

Kilroy of Texas  
G. Findley

12125'

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NOTE: ALL BOUNDARIES ARE GEOGRAPHIC

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North American Land Co.

YUMA EXPLORATION &  
PRODUCTION COMPANY, INC.

IOWA FIELD  
CALCASIEU PARISH, LOUISIANA

PROPOSED UNIT  
MIOCENE ZONE

Witness: David Comeaux

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LEON E. COMEAUX & ASSOC. GEOLOGISTS

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Company

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